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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR STIRRING LIQUID

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002. A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for stirring a liquid, comprising:
- sucking a part of a liquid into a nozzle from a liquid-containing container which opens at the top thereof; and
- discharging the sucked liquid from the same nozzle directly into liquid remaining in the container at a discharging position which is horizontally different from a sucking position where the liquid has been sucked to thereby stir the liquid.

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